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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 0270

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RELATIONS BETWEEN GABON AND CHINA

REF: LIBREVILLE 0214

1. CHINESE NATIONALIST AMBASSADOR TO GABON HUANG TOLD ME MARCH 1 THAT FOLLOWING PRESIDENT BONGO'S CRITICAL OUTBURST CONCERNING HIS GOVERNMENT'S AID TO GABON (SEE PARA 1(B) REFTEL) HE RETURNED TO LIBREVILLE FROM NEW YORK WHERE HE HAD BEEN VISITING HIS WIFE CURRENTLY IN THE STATES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

2. AMBASSADOR HUANG SAID THAT WITH PRESIDENT BONGO NOT IN LIBREVILLE FOR A FEW DAYS HE HAD SEEN MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS RAWIRI TO EXPRESS HIS DISMAY AND UNHAPPINESS AT STATEMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT BONGO. RAWIRI TOLD HIM THAT PRESIDENT BONGO HAD BEEN SET TO ANNOUNCE DECISION TO BREAK WITH TAIPEI AT NEXT CABINET MEETING BUT HAD BEEN TALKED OUT OF IT TEMPORARILY BY RAWIRI AND A FEW OTHER MINISTERS.

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3. RAWIRI THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT PRESIDENT BONGO WISHED CHINA TO GIVE GOG FUNDS FOR BUILDING SUGAR REFINERY BUT NOT TO BE OTHERWISE INVOLVED ON PROJECT. PRESIDENT BONGO FURTHER INSISTED THAT AMBASSADOR HUANG GIVE HIM REPLY PRIOR TO NEXT CABINET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 6. IF POSITIVE RESPONSE NOT FORTHCOMING BY THEN, GOG WILL PRESUMABLY BREAK WITH TAIPEI.

4. AMBASSADOR HUANG TOLD ME HE HAD, OF COURSE, REPORTED ALL OF THIS TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND WAS AWAITING A REPLY. WHILE HE DID NOT ATTEMPT TO PRE-JUDGE WHAT REPLY WOULD BE, HE INDICATED THAT IT DOUBTFUL THAT HE WOULD BE REMAINING VERY MUCH LONGER IN GABON. AS HE POINTED OUT, EVEN IF TAIPEI WILLING TO GIVE GOG FUNDS REQUESTED THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO PREVENT BONGO FROM BREAKING WITH TAIPEI A MONTH OR TWO LATER.

5. COMMENT. SEEMS CLEAR THAT IN LINE WITH GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY HE HAS BEEN RECENTLY PURSUING, PRESIDENT BONGO INTENDS TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH TAIPEI. TIMING MAY BE SOMEWHAT DELAYED IF CHINA COMES THROUGH WITH FUNDS REQUESTED BUT ULTIMATE GABONESE INTENTIONS UNLIKELY TO BE AFFECTED FOR VERY LONG.  
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